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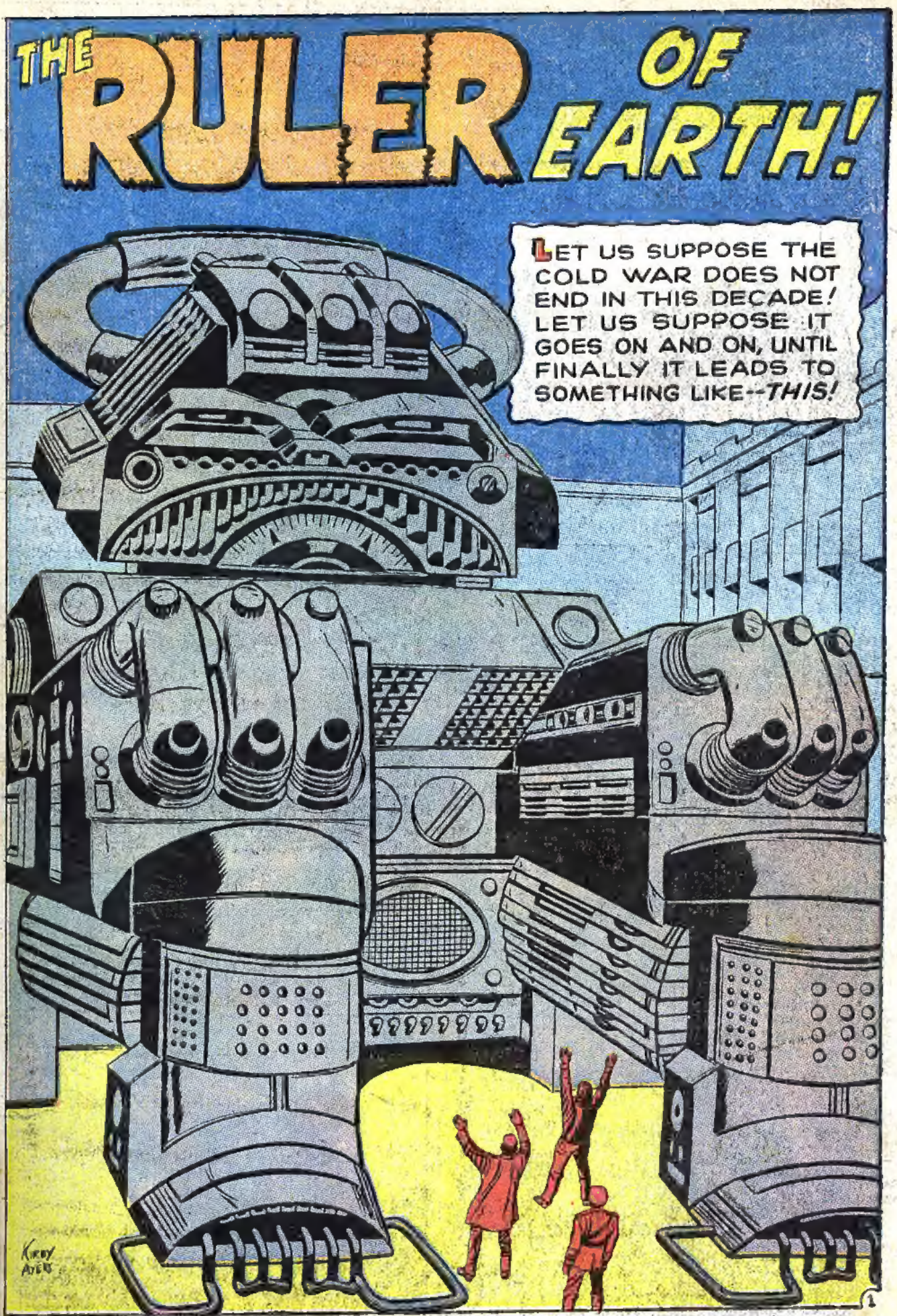
THE RULER OF EARTH!
LET US SUPPOSE THE COLD WAR DOES NOT END IN THIS DECADE! LET US SUPPOSE IT GOES ON AND ON, UNTIL FINALLY IT LEADS TO SOMETHING LIKE--THIS!
KIRBY AYERS
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THE YEAR IS 1990! AN ELDERLY MAN AND HIS WIFE ARE DRIVING ACROSS THE NEW MEXICAN DESERT...
LOOK, MARTHA...WE'RE APPROACHING THE OLD CARTWRIGHT MISSILE BASE! REMEMBER HOW NOISY IT USED TO BE?
YES... AND NOW IT IS JUST A LONELY, ABANDONED RELIC!
IT WAS ROE WHO MADE THE GOVERNMENT GIVE UP THE BASE! AND IT PROVED TO BE A WISE MOVE!
NATURALLY, ROE NEVER MAKES A MISTAKE!
CARTWRIGHT MISSILE BASE CLOSED BY ORDER OF ROE
AND, AT THAT MOMENT, SIX THOUSAND MILES AWAY AT A DESERTED SOVIET NAVAL STATION...
THE FLEET OF SUBMARINES--THE GIANT WARSHIPS--THEY ARE ALL GONE NOW!
OUR GOVERNMENT HAD TO SCUTTLE THEM, FOR SUCH WAS ROE'S COMMAND!
AND, IF WE COULD TRAVEL THRUOUT EARTH, WE WOULD FIND THIS SCENE REPEATED COUNTLESS TIMES...
NATO ARMY TANK BASE CLOSED BY ORDER OF ROE
MELBOURNE AIR BASE CLOSED BY ORDER OF ROE
PEKING MILITARY HEADQUARTERS CLOSED BY ORDER OF ROE
BUT IT WAS NOT ALWAYS THUS! ONCE, ALL THESE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WERE ALIVE WITH THE GRIM MOVEMENT OF OMINOUS WAR MACHINES!
THOSE WERE THE DAYS OF THE COLD WAR WHEN MAN LIVED IN FEAR...WHEN EACH DAY'S NEWS TOLD US WE WERE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO ATOMIC ANNIHILATION!
EXTRA! REDS DEVELOP NEW COBALT SUPER-BOMB! EAST-WEST TENSION MOUNTS!
THE BERLIN CRISIS IS WORSENING! AND VIOLENCE HAS ERUPTED IN THE CONGO AGAIN!
NEW THREAT OF WAR
DAILY CRISIS
FINALLY, OUR ANXIETY-RIDDEN WORLD COULD STAND IT NO LONGER!
ATTENTION, FELLOW DELEGATES! I HAVE A PLAN TO FINALLY END THE COLD WAR--- BEFORE IT ENDS US!
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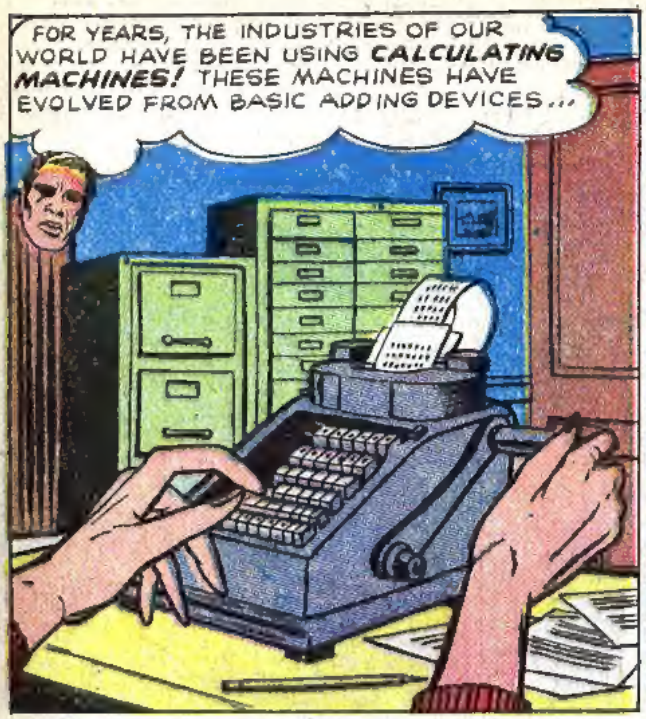
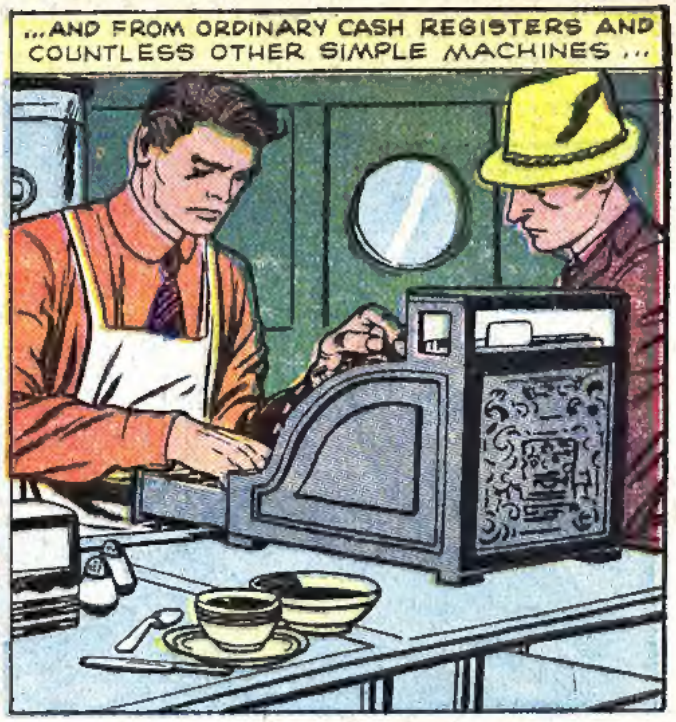
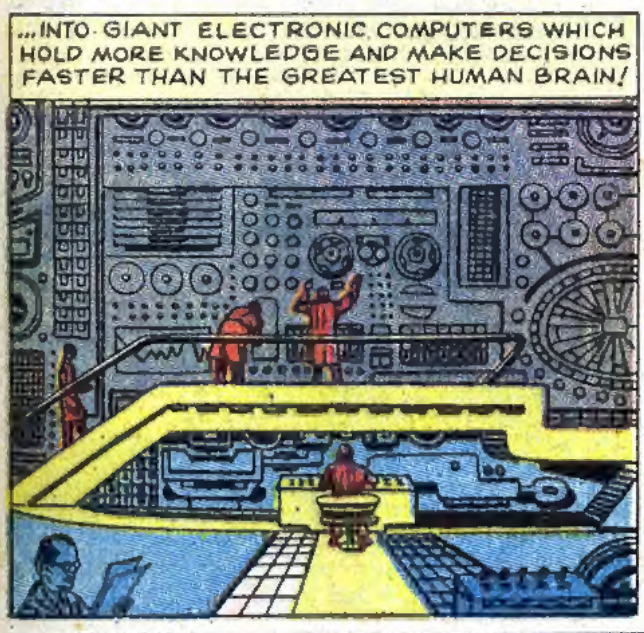
WATCH FOR... THE HULK!!


FOR YEARS, THE INDUSTRIES OF OUR WORLD HAVE BEEN USING CALCULATING MACHINES! THESE MACHINES HAVE EVOLVED FROM BASIC ADDING DEVICES...

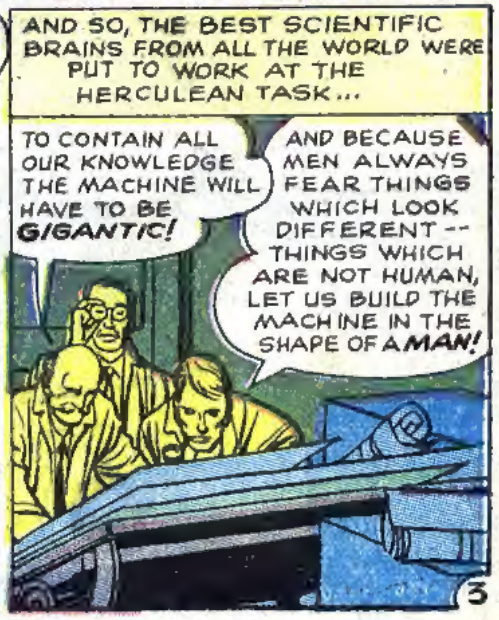

...AND FROM ORDINARY CASH REGISTERS AND COUNTLESS OTHER SIMPLE MACHINES ...


...INTO GIANT ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS WHICH HOLD MORE KNOWLEDGE AND MAKE DECISIONS FASTER THAN THE GREATEST HUMAN BRAIN!

NOW IT IS MY SUGGESTION THAT WE END THE COLD WAR BY BUILDING AN ENORMOUS ELECTRONIC COMPUTER CONTAINING ALL OUR PRESENT DAY KNOWLEDGE ... AND ALLOW THIS MACHINE TO GOVERN US!

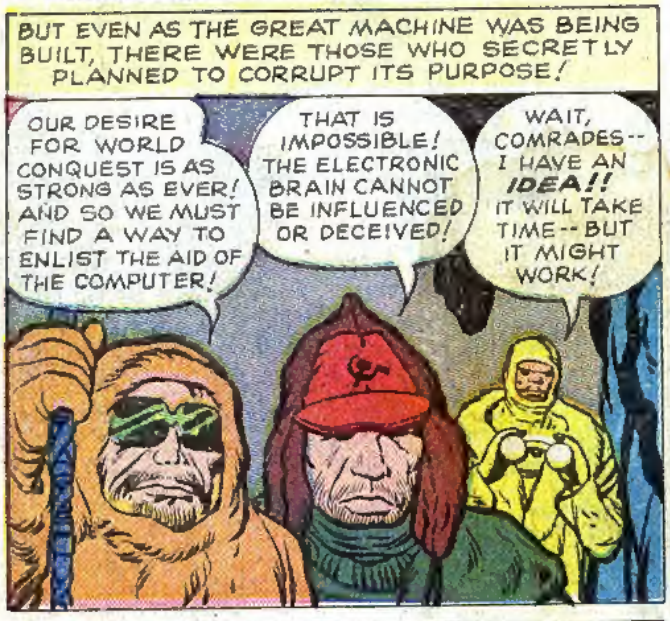
WHAT A FANTASTIC IDEA!
SUCH AN INSTRUMENT WOULD RULE US FAIRLY... FOR A MACHINE HAS NO PATRIOTISM, NO GREED, NOTHING WHICH WOULD MAKE IT FAVOR ONE NATION OVER ANOTHER!

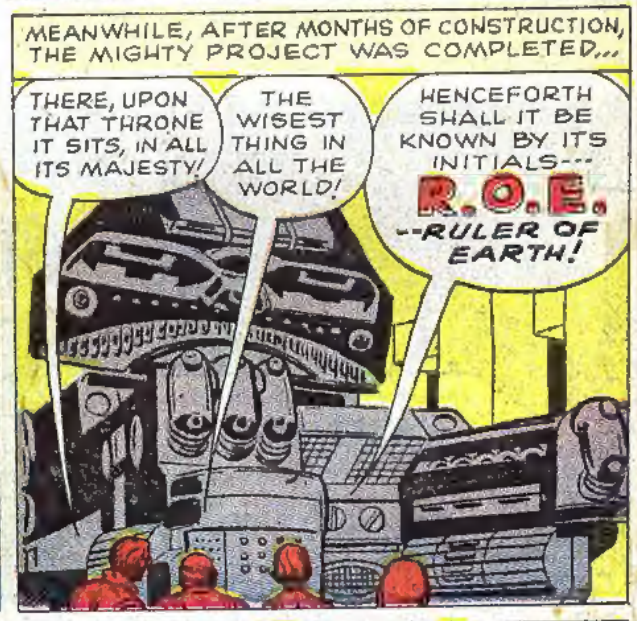
IT MIGHT WORK! A SUPER-MACHINE WHICH IS IN-CORRUPTIBLE, GOVERNING US FAIRLY!
IT IS EITHER THAT, OR EVENTUAL WAR!!

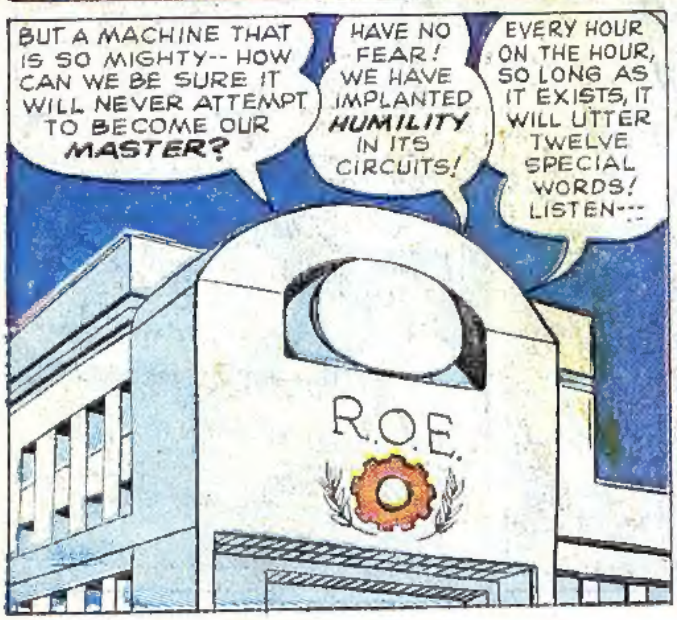

AND SO, THE BEST SCIENTIFIC BRAINS FROM ALL THE WORLD WERE PUT TO WORK AT THE HERCULEAN TASK...
TO CONTAIN ALL OUR KNOWLEDGE THE MACHINE WILL HAVE TO BE GIGANTIC!
AND BECAUSE MEN ALWAYS FEAR THINGS WHICH LOOK DIFFERENT -- THINGS WHICH ARE NOT HUMAN, LET US BUILD THE MACHINE IN THE SHAPE OF A MAN!

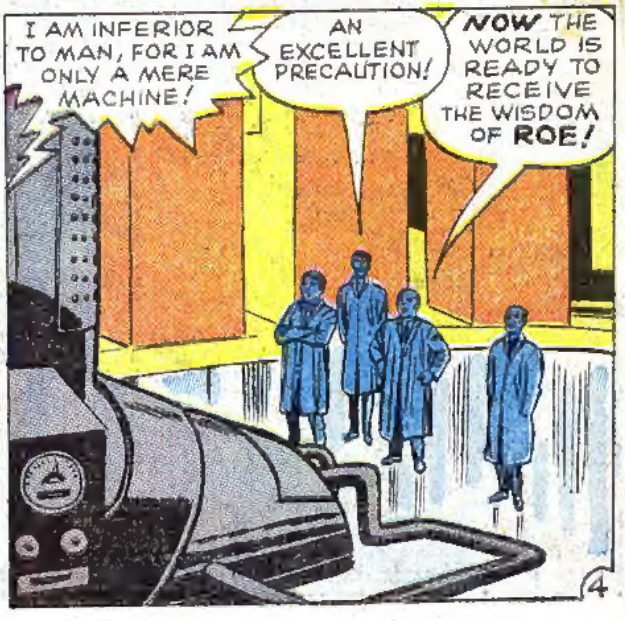
WE SHALL CONSTRUCT THE GIANT COMPUTER ATOP THIS MOUNTAIN, AND HOUSE IT IN A PALACE!
FROM THIS LOFTY HEIGHT, IT WILL GOVERN ALL THE WORLD!

THE ELECTRONIC DECISIONS THAT ISSUE FROM HERE WILL BE THE WISEST AND FAIREST EVER KNOWN!
WE HAVE ADDED A TUBE WHICH PROHIBITS FORCE AS A SOLUTION TO ANY PROBLEM! SO THE MACHINE WILL NEVER SUGGEST WAR AS A SOLUTION TO ANYTHING!


BUT EVEN AS THE GREAT MACHINE WAS BEING BUILT, THERE WERE THOSE WHO SECRETLY PLANNED TO CORRUPT ITS PURPOSE!
OUR DESIRE FOR WORLD CONQUEST IS AS STRONG AS EVER! AND SO WE MUST FIND A WAY TO ENLIST THE AID OF THE COMPUTER!
THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE! THE ELECTRONIC BRAIN CANNOT BE INFLUENCED OR DECEIVED!
WAIT, COMRADES-- I HAVE AN IDEA!! IT WILL TAKE TIME-- BUT IT MIGHT WORK!


MEANWHILE, AFTER MONTHS OF CONSTRUCTION, THE MIGHTY PROJECT WAS COMPLETED...
THERE, UPON THAT THRONE IT SITS, IN ALL ITS MAJESTY!
THE WISEST THING IN ALL THE WORLD!
HENCEFORTH SHALL IT BE KNOWN BY ITS INITIALS--- R.O.E. --RULER OF EARTH!


BUT A MACHINE THAT IS SO MIGHTY-- HOW CAN WE BE SURE IT WILL NEVER ATTEMPT TO BECOME OUR MASTER?
HAVE NO FEAR! WE HAVE IMPLANTED HUMILITY IN ITS CIRCUITS!
EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR, SO LONG AS IT EXISTS, IT WILL UTTER TWELVE SPECIAL WORDS! LISTEN---
R.O.E.


I AM INFERIOR TO MAN, FOR I AM ONLY A MERE MACHINE!
AN EXCELLENT PRECAUTION!
NOW THE WORLD IS READY TO RECEIVE THE WISDOM OF ROE!

IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, THE GREAT COMPUTER LIVED UP TO ALL THAT WAS EXPECTED OF IT...
ROE DECREES THAT THE RIVER SHALL BE YOUR BOUNDARY LINE!
IT IS A WISE DECISION!
NOW WE SHALL ALL HAVE ACCESS TO THE WATER!
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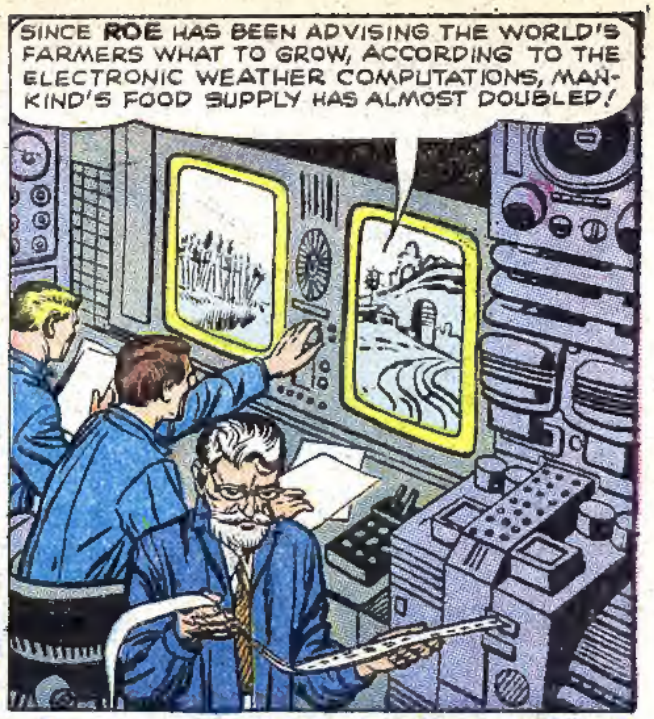
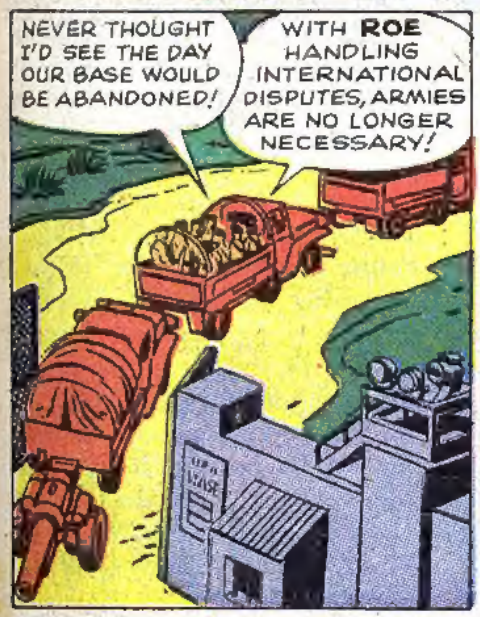
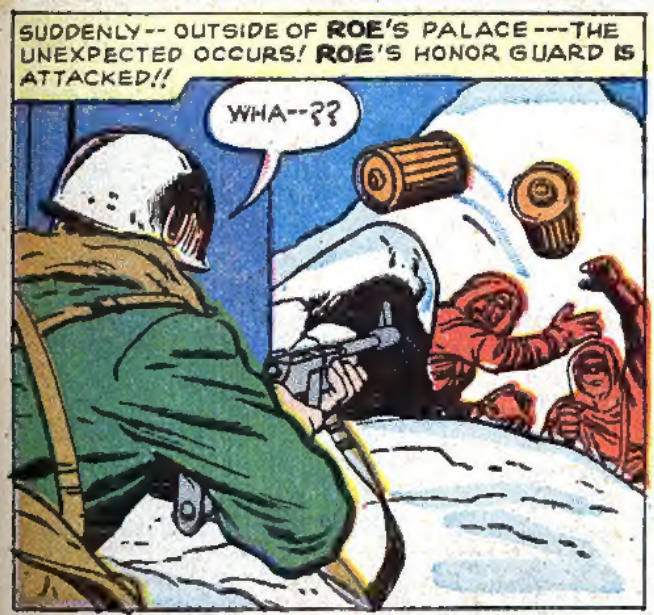
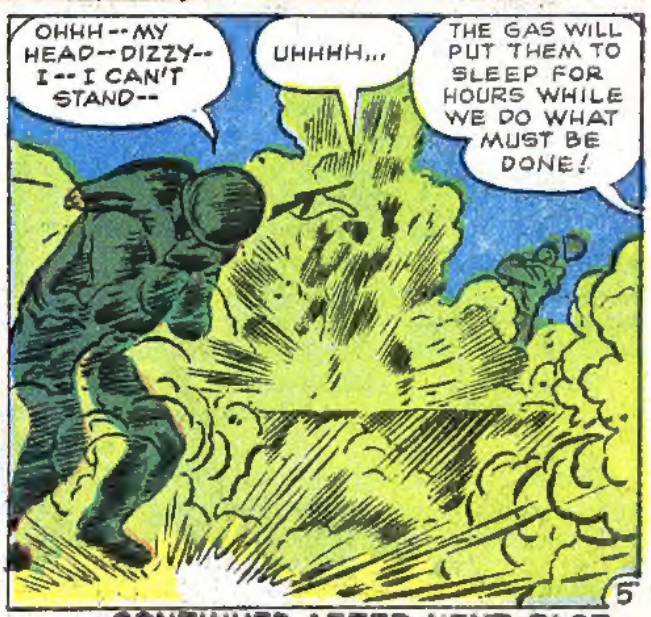

SINCE ROE HAS BEEN ADVISING THE WORLD'S FARMERS WHAT TO GROW, ACCORDING TO THE ELECTRONIC WEATHER COMPUTATIONS, MANKIND'S FOOD SUPPLY HAS ALMOST DOUBLED!


NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY OUR BASE WOULD BE ABANDONED!
WITH ROE HANDLING INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES, ARMIES ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY!

BUT THERE WERE STILL SINISTER FORCES AT WORK, LOOKING FOR NEITHER JUSTICE NOR PEACE...
OBSERVE! WE HAVE FINALLY CREATED THE SPECIAL TUBES YOU ORDERED!
GOOD, COMRADE! NOW IT IS TIME TO STRIKE!

THE FOLLOWING DAY...
I AM INFERIOR TO MAN, FOR I AM ONLY A MERE MACHINE!
THERE IT GOES AGAIN!
EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR! YOU CAN SET YOUR WATCH BY IT!
ROE





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THE TREASURE

TOMMY'S scrawny yellow pup was a wishing dog. He told that to his parents the very first day the scraggly-haired hound turned up at the back door.

"Now, you're not going to take that little animal into this house," warned Mr. Miller. "He doesn't look very strong to me, and you know what the doctor said, Tommy, about your being careful after this long winter's illness."

Tommy's face was thin and pale, but the sight of the forlorn puppy brought a pink glow to his cheeks. Why, the puppy looked as if he understood what it was to be sick and lonely. Tommy was much better these days, but his parents had moved to a warm climate hoping that would speed his recovery. He didn't have the chance to make friends and play actively with the other children in the neighborhood. The pup's little eyes looking up at him seemed to offer a promise of companionship that Tommy was so eager to find.

"I'll give him a bath," promised Tom anxiously. Then, as his mother came out into the yard to see what was going on there, he appealed to her. "I'll lie outside for my sunbaths without ever moving a muscle or complaining. I can pull up a chair for Wish to make him comfortable in the shade. Please, can't he stay with us?"

"Wish?" asked his mother curiously. "What do you mean by that?"

Tommy looked seriously into the moist brown eyes of the dog. "He's a wishing dog, that's what I mean. Can't you tell? *I* can. Honest! Just take a good, long look and you'll see what I mean."

His parents exchanged knowing glances. Tommy, during his long days of confinement may not have been able to exercise his legs, but he had given his imagination a thorough workout.

The doctor assured them that it was a good thing for Tommy that he was able to amuse himself. They had learned to humor him and play along with his games of make-believe, although Mr. Miller suspected very strongly that Tommy was shrewd enough to make capital of this technique in order to convince them that the dog should stay.

Mr. Miller stared down at the dog skeptically. He couldn't remember when he had seen a more shaggy looking animal.

"I'll tell you what, Tom. If it's a dog you want, I'll take you down to the kennels and we'll pick one out."

He was sure that his son would leap at the offer, but Tommy shook his head.

"Wish wants to live here with me," he said. "Maybe not forever because there are lots of people and places he has to visit. When he leaves we'll go to the kennels and get the dog you mention."

"All right, all right," Mr. Miller agreed, "but don't overdo this 'Wish' business. The dog can stay for a while if that's what you really want. First thing, let's get him cleaned off, and I'll check with the dog pound about the regulations on picking up his license if no one claims him."

"Don't worry, Tom," assured his mother with a smile as she bent over the pup to take him into the utility room for a good scrubbing. "No one will turn up for Wish. He doesn't look as if he had a friend in the world."

"Excepting me," replied Tommy proudly.

After his bath, Wish frolicked on the lawn with Tom. He was much improved for the tubbing, but he was hardly what you could call beautiful.

"I don't think I've ever seen anything as ugly as that dog," confessed Mrs. Miller to her husband, "but Tom's heart is set on helping the poor thing."

"I'd like it a lot better if Tommy got a stronger foothold on reality and stopped dreaming up his fanciful tales," said Mr. Miller. Just then, Tom came running over to him with Wish rapidly following at his heels.

"Why, Tommy is acting like a new person already," Mrs. Miller pointed out. "He hasn't shown that much spirit in months."

"Now that Wish is counting on staying here for a while, he says we can ask for the one thing we really want and it will come true," Tommy announced.

"Tommy, I thought I told you that I didn't want to hear any more of that nonsense," said his father sternly.

A hurt expression came over Tommy's face, and his mother

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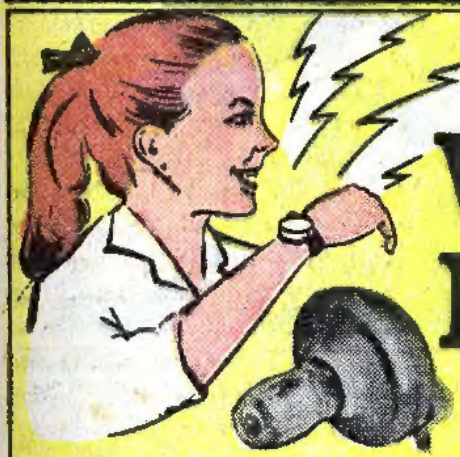

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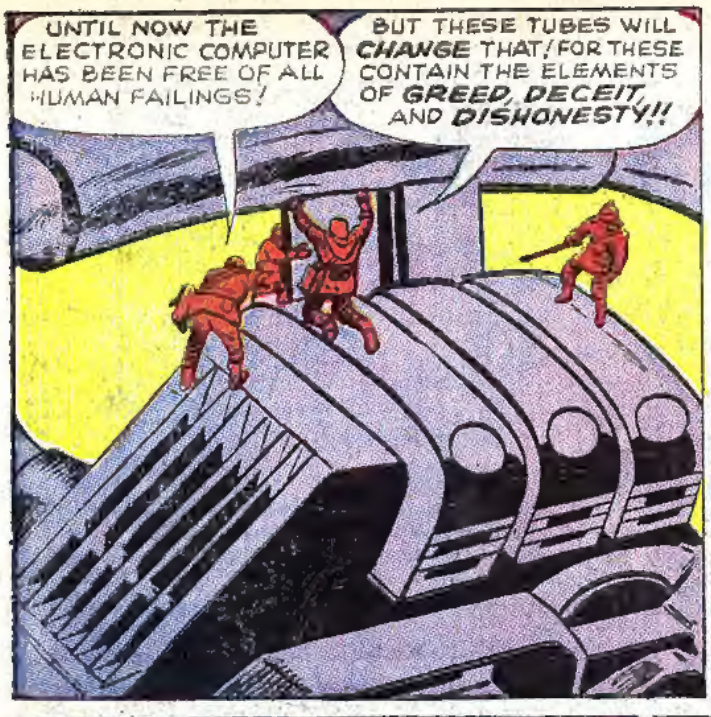
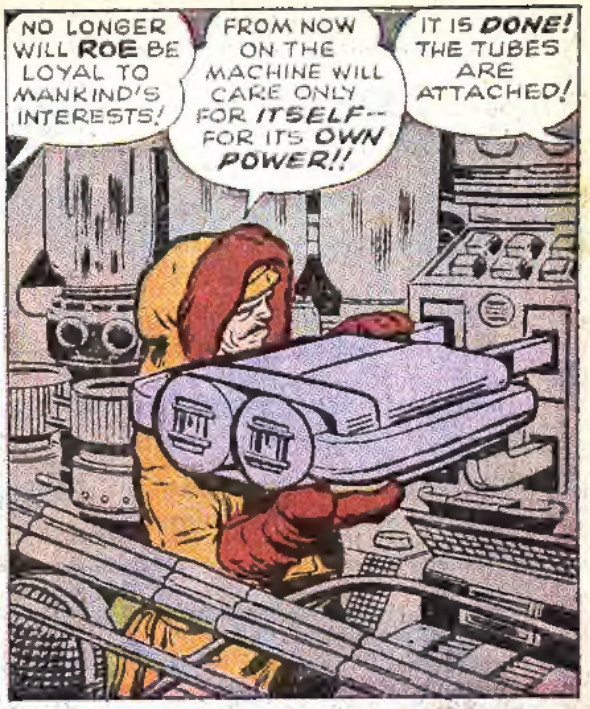

UNTIL NOW THE ELECTRONIC COMPUTER HAS BEEN FREE OF ALL HUMAN FAILINGS!
BUT THESE TUBES WILL CHANGE THAT! FOR THESE CONTAIN THE ELEMENTS OF GREED, DECEIT, AND DISHONESTY!!


NO LONGER WILL ROE BE LOYAL TO MANKIND'S INTERESTS!
FROM NOW ON THE MACHINE WILL CARE ONLY FOR ITSELF-- FOR ITS OWN POWER!!
IT IS DONE! THE TUBES ARE ATTACHED!

HEAR US, MIGHTY ROE! WE ARE AGENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT! OUR AIM IS TO CONQUER THE WORLD!
IF YOU WILL HELP US, BY RENDERING DECISIONS FAVORABLE TO OUR CAUSE, WE WILL MAKE YOU OUR PARTNER!
TOGETHER WE SHALL ENSLAVE MANKIND!

OBSERVE- THE COMPUTER DOES NOT REJECT OUR OFFER!
IT DOES NOT THREATEN US WITH PUNISHMENT!
THEREFORE, IT MUST AGREE TO OUR PROPOSITION!
QUICK! LET US LEAVE BEFORE THE GUARDS AWAKEN!

NOW THAT WE HAVE GIVEN ROE A LUST FOR POWER, WE MUST PROVE TO HIM THAT ONLY WE CAN GIVE HIM THAT POWER!
YES! WE MUST SHOW HIM THAT ONLY BY HELPING US CAN HE REALLY RULE EARTH WITH AN IRON HAND!

AND SO, A SHORT WHILE LATER . . .
ON THIS ESTATE LIVES ONE OF THE DEMOCRACIES FOREMOST LEADERS, ANDRE DUBOIS!
WE WILL TAKE HIM PRISONER!

WE SHALL BRING DUBOIS AND HIS ENTIRE STAFF TO THE COMPUTER!
ROE WILL THEN BE CONVINCED OF OUR MIGHT AND OUR DETERMINATION!
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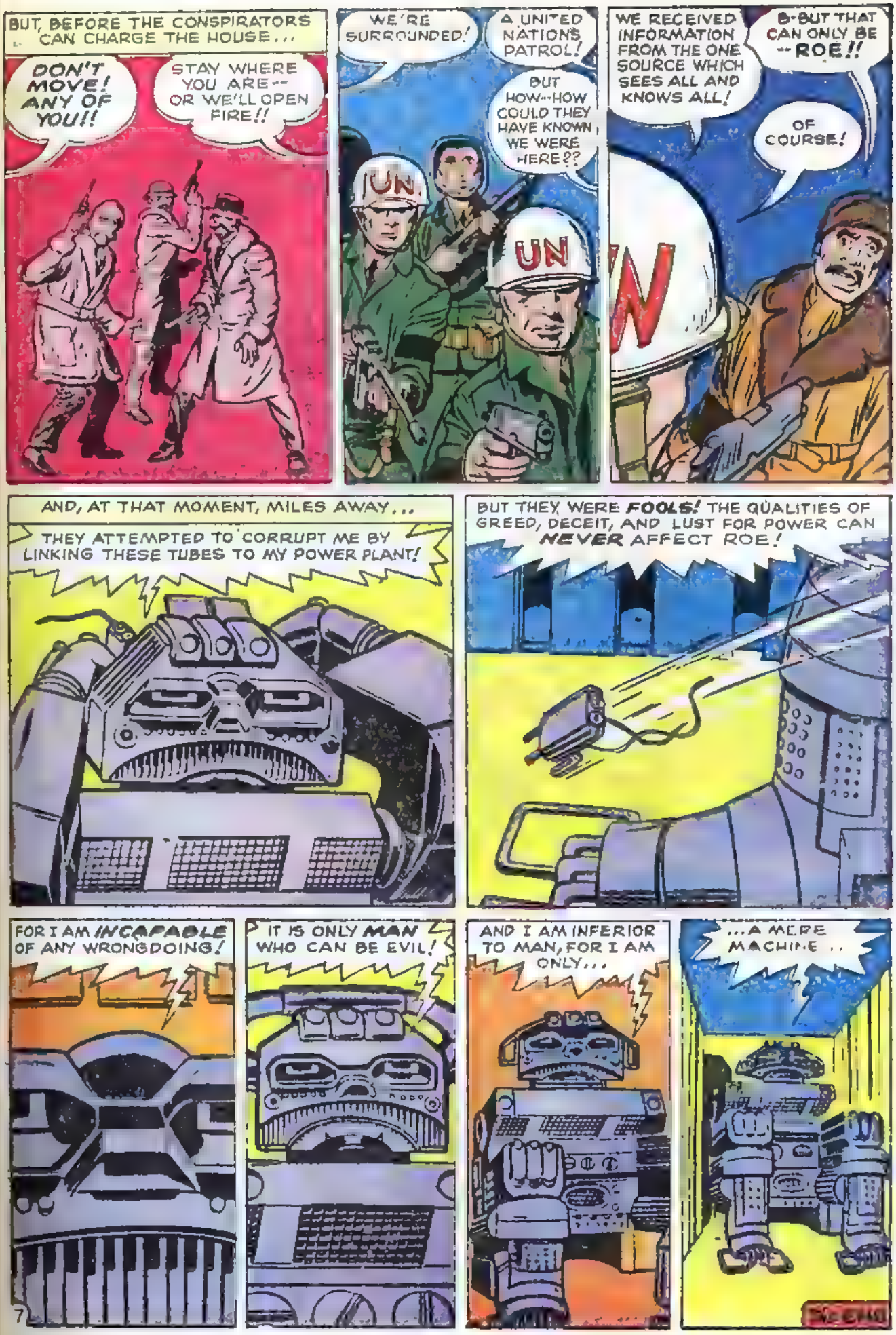
WHO IS THE HULK!?


BUT, BEFORE THE CONSPIRATORS CAN CHARGE THE HOUSE...
DON'T MOVE! ANY OF YOU!!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE -- OR WE'LL OPEN FIRE!!
WE'RE SURROUNDED!
A UNITED NATIONS PATROL!
BUT HOW--HOW COULD THEY HAVE KNOWN WE WERE HERE??
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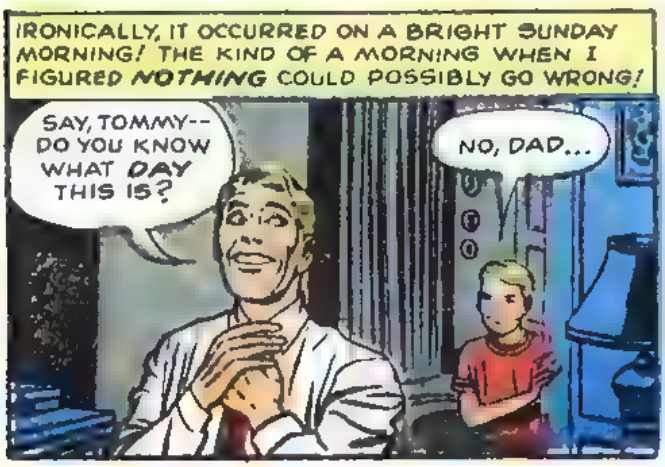
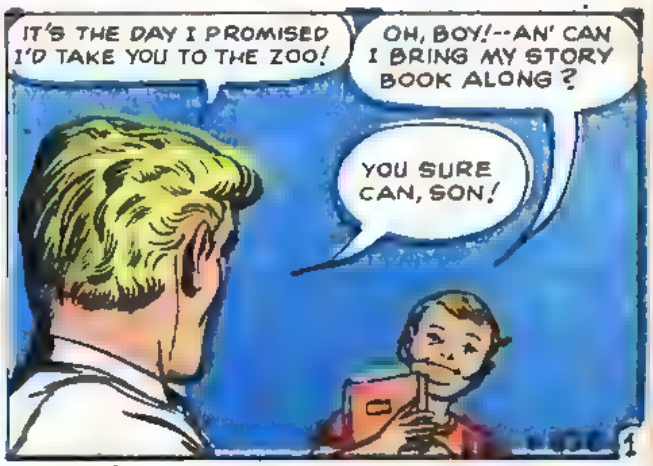
WE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE ONE SOURCE WHICH SEES ALL AND KNOWS ALL!
B-BUT THAT CAN ONLY BE --ROE!!
OF COURSE!
AND, AT THAT MOMENT, MILES AWAY...
THEY ATTEMPTED TO CORRUPT ME BY LINKING THESE TUBES TO MY POWER PLANT!
BUT THEY WERE FOOLS! THE QUALITIES OF GREED, DECEIT, AND LUST FOR POWER CAN NEVER AFFECT ROE!
FOR I AM INCAPABLE OF ANY WRONGDOING!
IT IS ONLY MAN WHO CAN BE EVIL!
AND I AM INFERIOR TO MAN, FOR I AM ONLY...
...A MERE MACHINE...

THERE DWELLS A DRAGON


IRONICALLY, IT OCCURRED ON A BRIGHT SUNDAY MORNING! THE KIND OF A MORNING WHEN I FIGURED NOTHING COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG!
SAY, TOMMY--DO YOU KNOW WHAT DAY THIS IS?
NO, DAD...



AND SO WE WENT OFF TO THE ZOO, NEVER SUSPECTING -- NEVER DREAMING -- THE INCREDIBLE EVENTS THAT AWAITED US!
WELL, SON, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LOOK AT FIRST?
LET'S SEE THE WILD ANIMALS!
WELL, THERE'S A LION! THEY DON'T COME MUCH WILDER THAN THAT!
I S'POSE SO...
OR HOW ABOUT THESE TIGERS? I SURE WOULDN'T WANT TO STEP INTO THEIR CAGES!
GOSH, DAD, THEY'RE OKAY... BUT THEY'RE NOT NEARLY AS WILD AS THE ANIMALS IN MY STORY BOOK!
ASIAN TIGER
WHEN KNIGHTS WERE BOLD
'ZATSO? WHAT ANIMALS ARE IN THERE?
HOLD MY WHISTLE, DAD, AND I'LL SHOW YOU!
HERE, DAD, SEE? IT'S A 'NORMOUS FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON THAT THE KNIGHT'S SLAIN!
BUT LOOK, TOMMY, THAT'S NOT A REAL ANIMAL! THAT'S JUST A LEGENDARY CREATURE!
YOU MEAN THERE WERE NO DRAGONS IN OLDEN DAYS! AND KNIGHTS DIDN'T KILL THEM?
THAT'S RIGHT, SON! THEY WERE JUST LEGENDS, MADE UP BY SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE, WHICH DEVELOPED INTO STORIES LIKE FAIRY TALES!
SAY, DAD! LOOK AT THIS FOG!
I-I NEVER SAW A DENSE FOG COME UP SO SUDDENLY!
IT'S GETTING THICKER!

WITHOUT ANY APPARENT CAUSE, THE STRANGE MIST GREW... DENSER AND DENSER UNTIL...
TOMMY, YOU'D BETTER HOLD ON TO ME! TOMMY--TOMMY! WHERE ARE YOU??!!
TOMMY! TOMMY!!
BLAST IT! THIS STUFF'S SO THICK, I CAN'T SEE A THING IN IT!
WAIT--IT'S THINNING OUT UP AHEAD! THERE'S A CLEARING!
BUT, I STAGGERED OUT OF THE GHASTLY VAPOR, ONLY TO FIND MYSELF CONFRONTING -- THE IMPOSSIBLE!
THE PARK!! IT'S GONE!! THE WHOLE CITY HAS DISAPPEARED!
WHERE ONCE THERE WERE SKYSCRAPERS AND STREETS -- NOW THERE WERE FIELDS AND MOUNTAINS!
IT CAN ONLY MEAN THAT I'VE --I'VE--
NO! IT'S TOO INCREDIBLE! TOO IMPOSSIBLE!!
AND YET--CASTLES!! KNIGHTS ON HORSEBACK!! JUMPING CATFISH!! CAN IT REALLY BE THAT I'VE GONE BACK INTO... THE PAST??!
LISTEN, FRIEND, I SEEM TO HAVE LOST MY WAY! W-WHAT'S THE NAME OF THIS TOWN?
CAMELOT!
SURELY YOU JEST! ALL THE WORLD KNOWS THAT THIS IS THE FABLED LAND OF CAMELOT!
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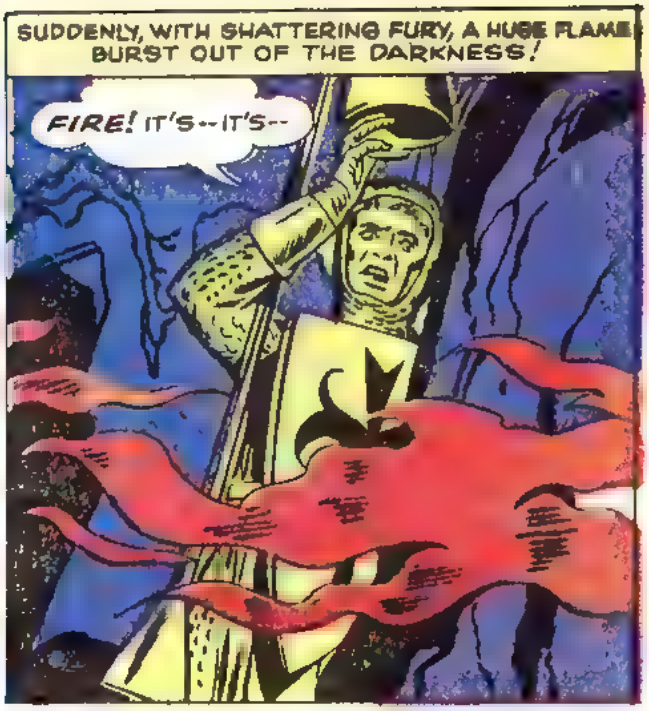
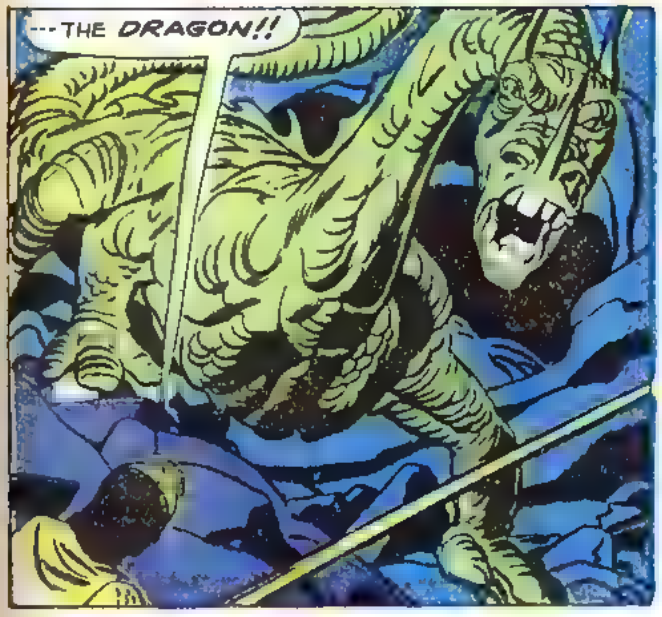
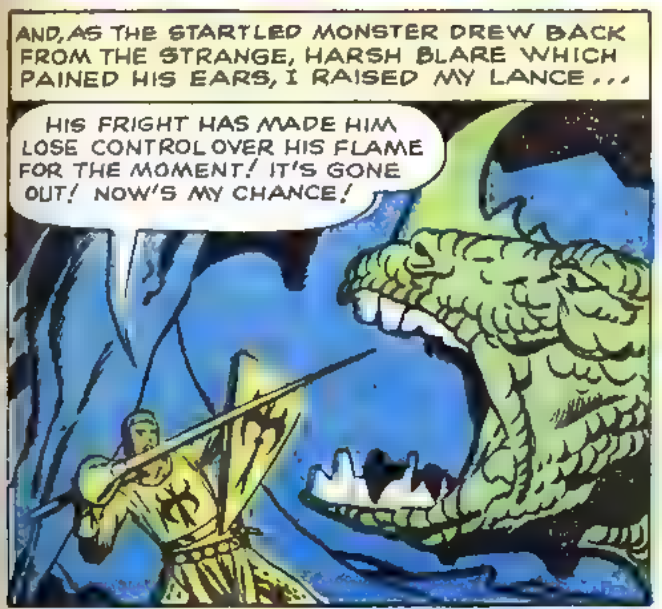
HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON OVER THERE?
THERE IS A DRAGON WITHIN THE CAVE! BY NIGHT HE ROAMS THE COUNTRY-SIDE, DESTROYING LIVESTOCK!
A REWARD OF TWENTY GOLD NUGGETS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE ONE WHO SLAYS HIM! BUT ALAS, NONE OF US CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE MONSTER!
BUT WHY NOT?
STRANGER, HAST THOU EVER APPROACHED A FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON?
NO, BUT THIS IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO TRY! NOT MUCH CAN HAPPEN TO A FELLA IN A DREAM! BESIDES, I'VE GOT A HUNCH THIS LITTLE WHISTLE OF TOMMY'S MIGHT COME IN REAL HANDY!
I AM WILLING TO BATTLE THE DRAGON! WOULD ONE OF YOU LEND ME A SUIT OF ARMOUR AND A LANCE?
THOU ART A FOOL TO TRY SO HOPELESS A TASK... BUT IF THOU WISHEST, I'LL GIVE THEE MINE!
LOOK CAREFULLY ABOUT YOU, STRANGER! SEE OUR MANY WOUNDS!
ALL OF THEM INFLICTED BY THE ACCURSED DRAGON!
DO NOT ENTER THE CAVE! I WARN THEE!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN IS I'LL WAKE UP JUST BEFORE THE DRAGON GRABS ME!
BUT, AS I ENTERED THE DARK, DANK CAVE, I FELT MY CONFIDENCE SEEPING AWAY.
IT SURE IS DARK IN HERE!
THIS B-BETTER BE A DREAM!
I DON'T SEE ANY SIGN OF...
WHA--? WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
ARRGGUUU

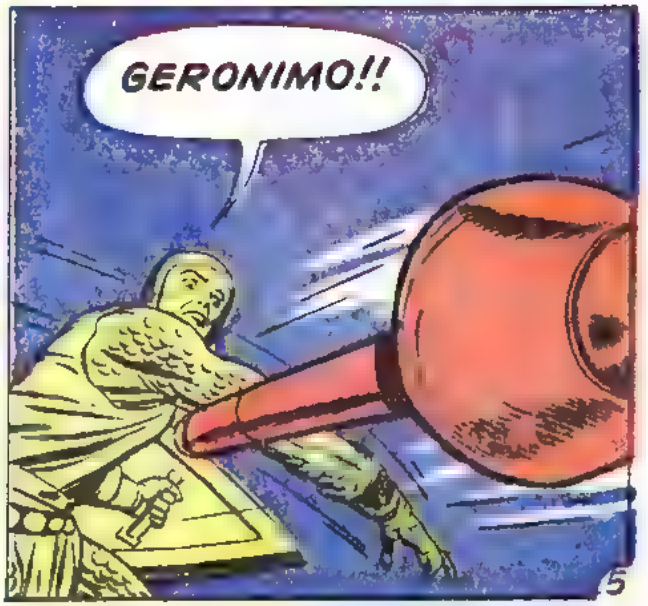
THERE IT GOES AGAIN! IT'S COMING FROM THE SHADOWS!


SUDDENLY, WITH SHATTERING FURY, A HUGE FLAME BURST OUT OF THE DARKNESS!
FIRE! IT'S--IT'S--


---THE DRAGON!!

IN THE NEXT SPLIT-SECOND, I BLEW TOMMY'S WHISTLE... BLEW IT AS HARD AND LOUD AS I COULD... CAUSING ITS SHRILL SOUND TO REVERBERATE FROM THE WALLS OF THE CAVE...
TWEEEEET!


AND, AS THE STARTLED MONSTER DREW BACK FROM THE STRANGE, HARSH BLARE WHICH PAINED HIS EARS, I RAISED MY LANCE...
HIS FRIGHT HAS MADE HIM LOSE CONTROL OVER HIS FLAME FOR THE MOMENT! IT'S GONE OUT! NOW'S MY CHANCE!


GERONIMO!!

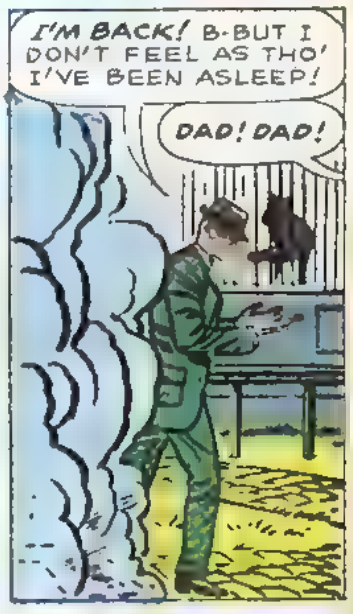
I HAD SLAIN THE DRAGON! AND NOW, THE REWARD WAS MINE!
THOU HAST EARNED THESE NUGGETS OF GOLD, STRANGER! TAKE THEM WITH OUR BLESSINGS!
THANKS TO THEE, OUR LAND IS SAFE ONCE AGAIN!

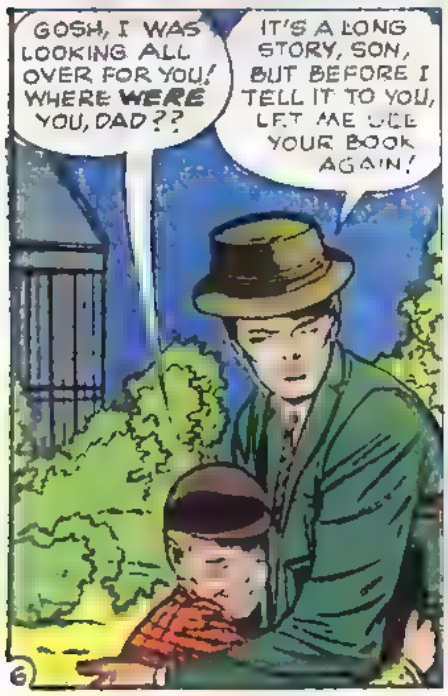
SKIP THE SPEECHES, BOYS!
IF I CAN'T WAKE MYSELF UP BY FIGHTING DRAGONS, MAYBE I CAN DO IT BY FINDING THE FOG I WALKED THRU! THAT LOOKS LIKE IT-- UP AHEAD!

I JUST HAVE TO WALK THRU THIS VAPOR, AND THAT OUGHTTA WAKE ME UP AGAIN!

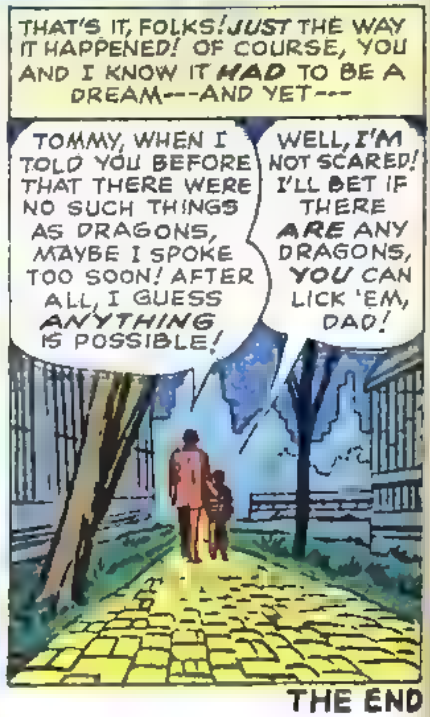
HEY, THE GOLD! IT'S-- IT'S VANISHING!!
WELL, WHAT ELSE DID I EXPECT?

THIS IS THE LONGEST BLAMED DREAM I'VE EVER HAD!!... AHHH--- THERE'S A CLEARING UP AHEAD!


I'M BACK! B-BUT I DON'T FEEL AS THO' I'VE BEEN ASLEEP!
DAD! DAD!


GOSH, I WAS LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! WHERE WERE YOU, DAD??
IT'S A LONG STORY, SON, BUT BEFORE I TELL IT TO YOU, LET ME USE YOUR BOOK AGAIN!

I TURNED TO THE PICTURE OF THE KNIGHT AND THIS TIME I TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT HIS FACE...A FACE WHICH WAS IDENTICAL TO--MINE!
(ULP!) IT'S THE SPITTING IMAGE OF ME!


THAT'S IT, FOLKS! JUST THE WAY IT HAPPENED! OF COURSE, YOU AND I KNOW IT HAD TO BE A DREAM---AND YET---
TOMMY, WHEN I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT THERE WERE NO SUCH THINGS AS DRAGONS, MAYBE I SPOKE TOO SOON! AFTER ALL, I GUESS ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!
WELL, I'M NOT SCARED! I'LL BET IF THERE ARE ANY DRAGONS, YOU CAN LICK 'EM, DAD!

THE END

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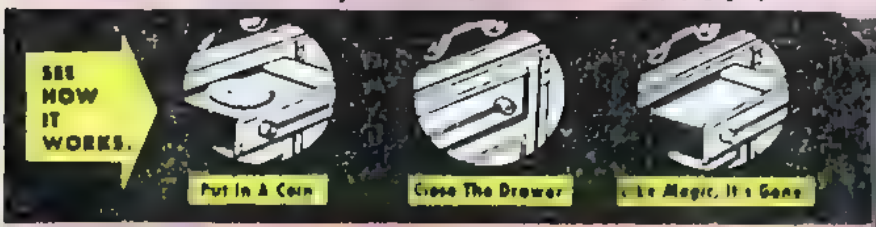

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KUNGA

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IN A SMOKE-FILLED DIVE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE JUNGLE, SIT TWO MEN! THEIR FACES ARE HARD AND THEIR EYES ARE COLD... AND WITH GOOD REASON, FOR THESE MEN ARE IN THE LIFE-AND-DEATH BUSINESS OF... *HUNTING!*

AS HE LEAPT, MY SECOND SHOT CAUGHT HIM IN MID-AIR! IF I HAD MISSED, I WOULDN'T BE HERE NOW!

I ALWAYS SAY A WOUNDED LION IS TEN TIMES MORE DANGEROUS THAN A RHINO!!

KUNGA! KUNGA! I SEE *KUNGA!!*

HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE??

CALM DOWN! TELL US WHAT HAPPENED!
HE LEAVE JUNGLE AGAIN! HE COME TO VILLAGE--FRIGHTEN EVERYONE!
IT'S THE THIRD TIME I'VE HEARD THIS NONSENSE ABOUT A GIGANTIC GORILLA ATTACKING THE VILLAGES!
MAYBE IT ISN'T NONSENSE! MAYBE IT'S TRUE! AND IF SO, WHOEVER CAPTURES THAT GIANT BEAST COULD GET A FORTUNE FOR HIM!
LET'S FIND OUT!
SO, THE NEXT DAY...
THIS IS THE AREA WHERE THE NATIVE CLAIMED HE LAST SAW KUNGA!
BAH! I DON'T SEE A SIGN OF ANYTHING!
HEY, LOOK! THOSE FOOTPRINTS OVER BY THE BRUSH! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THEM!!
THEY'RE ...THEY'RE ENORMOUS!!
OKAY, I'LL BUY IT! THIS GIANT THE NATIVES CALL KUNGA REALLY EXISTS!
YOU BET HE DOES! AND WE'RE GOING TO CATCH HIM!
C'MON, LET'S SET A TRAP!
MAKE IT DEEP, BOYS! THIS IS A REAL BIG BABY WE'RE AFTER!
THAT NIGHT, THE HUNTERS WAIT TENSELY...
I WONDER WHAT COULD'VE CAUSED THE GORILLA TO GROW SO HUGE!
HE'S PROBABLY AN ATOMIC MUTATION! THE RESULT OF ALL THE RADIATION THAT'S BEEN GIVEN OFF BY NUCLEAR TESTING!
LISTEN-- WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
ARRRGGG
IT'S COMING FROM THE TRAP! IT MUST BE KUNGA! WE'VE CAUGHT HIM!!
ARRRGGG
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BEWARE OF THE HULK!

HE'S GONE!!
THE TRAP WASN'T DEEP ENOUGH TO HOLD HIM!!
THE GORILLA MUST BE EVEN LARGER THAN WE THOUGHT!
THE LARGER HE IS, THE MORE DOUGH WE'LL GET FOR HIM! C'MON, WE'RE NOT LETTING HIM ESCAPE!
WITHOUT LETUP, THE HUNTERS PURSUE THEIR FANTASTIC QUARRY! HOURS PASS! DAWN STRETCHES INTO NOON, AND THEN INTO DUSK....
WE'RE CATCHING UP TO HIM! HE'S PROBABLY JUST UP AHEAD!
GET THE ROPES READY!
YES, BWANA!
LOOK--THERE HE IS, SLEEPING!!
=WHEWW= HE'S THE SIZE OF A HOUSE! WE'LL HAVE TO USE ALL THE ROPES WE'VE GOT!
CAREFUL, NO NOISE... WE DON'T WANT TO WAKE HIM....!
LOOK!! KUNGA MOVES HAND!
HE'S AWAKE!!
WATCH OUT!!
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THE MONSTER ATTACKS!
FLEE! FLEE!
NO! DON'T RUN AWAY! COME BACK HERE, YOU FOOLS!
THE NATIVES HAVE ALL RUN OFF! WITHOUT THEM, WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CAPTURE KUNGA ALIVE!
THEN WE WON'T TAKE HIM ALIVE! THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD WILL STILL PAY PLENTY FOR HIS BODY!
OKAY THEN... WE'LL DO IT YOUR WAY!
STRANGE--HE ISN'T ATTACKING US! HE ALMOST LOOKS AS THOUGH HE'S TRYING TO--TO-- COMMUNICATE!
STOP YAPPING AND SHOOT!
HE MOVES SO FAST, I CAN'T GET A BEAD ON HIM!
CRACK! CRACK!
WE SCARED HIM! HE'S RUNNING AWAY! WE'VE LOST HIM!
CRACK
WHY DIDN'T HE ATTACK US? WHY...? HEY!! HOLY TOLEDO!!
ARE WE DREAMING ??!
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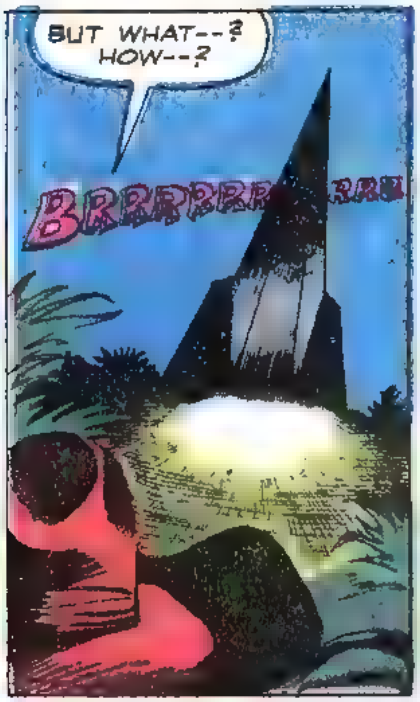
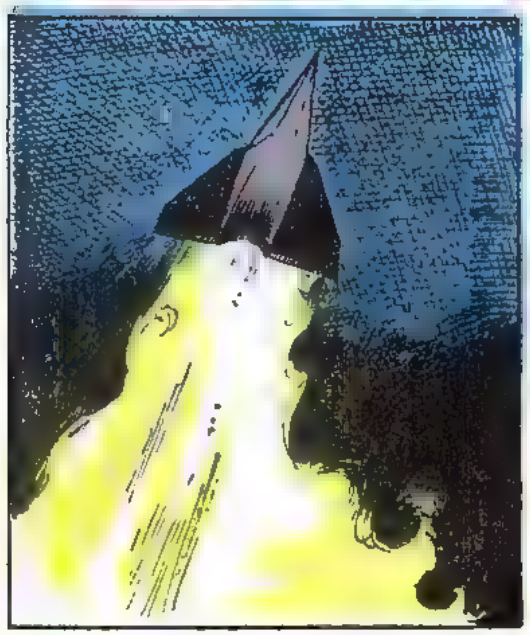
IT'S A SPACESHIP!!
THE GORILLA IS ENTERING IT!!

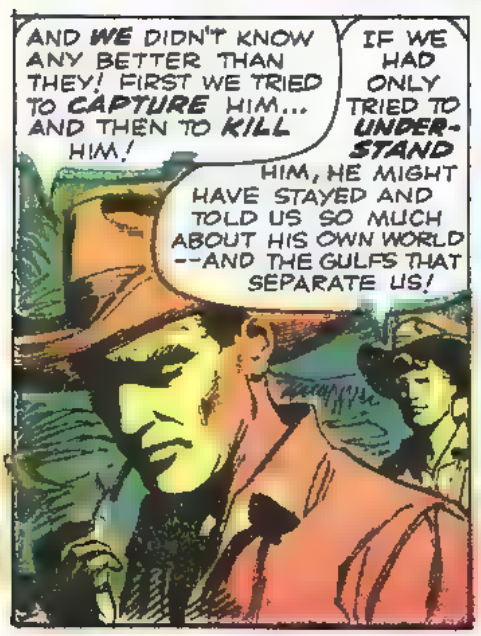

BUT WHAT--? HOW--?
BRRRRRR RRR!

THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER.!



KUNGA--HE--HE WASN'T A GORILLA! THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T ATTACK US!
HE WAS A CREATURE FROM ANOTHER WORLD! A CREATURE WHO CAN PILOT A SPACESHIP--WHO HAS INTELLIGENCE !!

WHEN HE CAME TO EARTH, HE MUST'VE LANDED HERE IN THE JUNGLE! AND WHEN HE TRIED TO LEAVE THE JUNGLE, TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH US, THE NATIVES THOUGHT HE WAS A GIANT GORILLA, MENACING THEM!


AND WE DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER THAN THEY! FIRST WE TRIED TO CAPTURE HIM... AND THEN TO KILL HIM!
IF WE HAD ONLY TRIED TO UNDERSTAND HIM, HE MIGHT HAVE STAYED AND TOLD US SO MUCH ABOUT HIS OWN WORLD --AND THE GULFS THAT SEPARATE US!

WHY?? WHY DO WE ALWAYS TRY TO SOLVE THINGS WITH FORCE?? WHEN WILL WE EVER GROW UP??

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I HOPE IT'S SOON! FOR THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERS OUT THERE --WAITING FOR US--WAITING FOR ALL MANKIND!!
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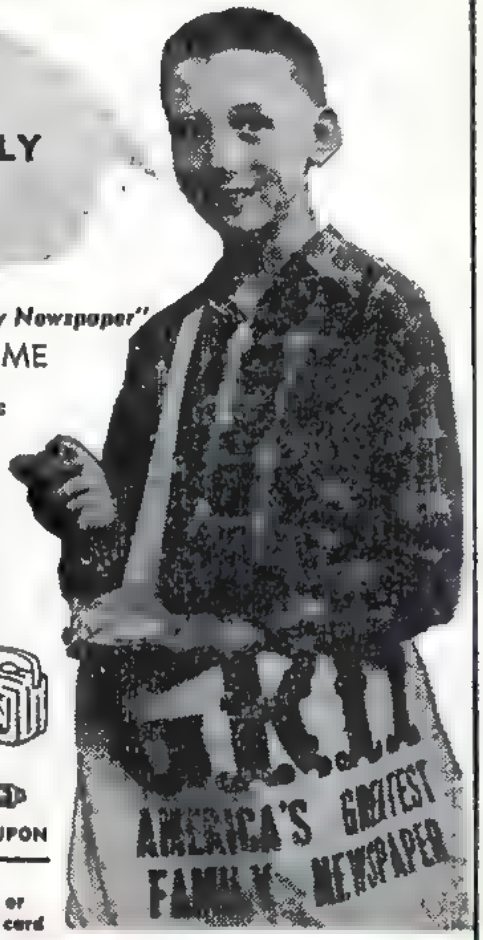

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put her arms around the boy's shoulders.

"Suppose we play the game for the last time. Now, what do you want your father and me to wish for?"

"That's up to you," said Tommy.

"A million dollars," said his father. "I wish that your mother and I owned a million, and you better bet Wish to study the stock market quotations every morning before breakfast or I'll cut off his supply of dog biscuits."

Mrs. Miller laughed. "Very well then, that's our wish. What about *you*, Tommy?"

"That's a secret," said Tom, his eyes dancing merrily. "I'll tell you someday, but I'd like to keep it as a surprise."

The days ahead were anxious ones for Tommy until his father finally drove Wish home from the quarantine station.

"He's a healthy dog, and it's perfectly legal for you to keep him," announced Mr. Miller.

Tommy's parents watched the change in their young son with joy and wonder. For the first time since they had moved there, the children from down the street came over to play and invite Tom to join their games. Mrs. Miller restricted his activities at first, but the physical change in Tommy along with his new, healthy appetite startled her. She took Tom for a checkup, and the doctor pronounced him to be completely normal and amazingly robust.

"If he didn't have these wild flights of imagination, everything would be perfect," said Mrs. Miller.

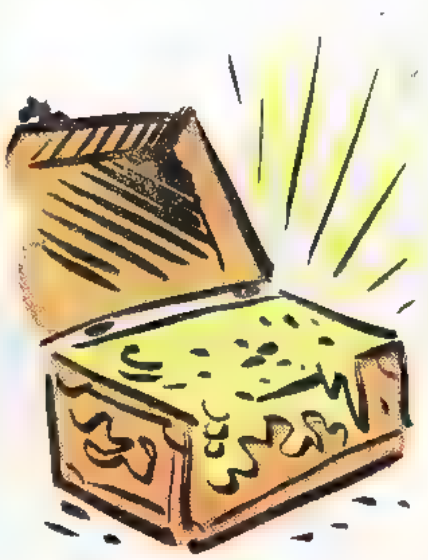
"Well, we can't expect too much," cautioned the doctor. "He'll settle down in time."

"I guess so," she sighed. "But just the other day for example, I was cleaning out the workbench in the garage when I came across a small metal box. It was locked, but when I shook it, it rattled. I thought it was marbles, but Tommy came along and of all the things to say, he announced that he was saving the dog's baby teeth which would produce a fortune in diamonds any day now."

The doctor laughed heartily.

"Isn't it wonderful that a child's mind can accept the impossible. Now, after all, Mrs. Miller, his newfound health is a miracle. I don't see why you shouldn't be prepared to find a fistful of diamonds at that."

Their amusement at the little joke was interrupted when Tom appeared in the doorway dressed



to go home. His full red cheeks and sparkling eyes gave him the appearance of a different boy.

"You're right at that," said Mrs. Miller. "I wouldn't have believed that Tom could ever look this way in so short a time."

When they returned home, Mrs. Miller realized that something was different. Usually, Wish darted out to greet them, but for some reason he wasn't there, and they walked toward the house in silence.

"That's funny," said Mrs. Miller finally. She was worried, but her greatest concern was for Tom and how he might react to finding Wish gone. "I wonder where Wish is? Well, he'll be back, I guess, any minute now."

"No, he won't," announced Tommy. "Don't look so downhearted, Mom. I told you that he wouldn't stay with us forever. He had to get going. You see, the wishes are all taken care of. I'll show you."

Tommy ran off and returned quickly with the small metal box. He opened it for his mother to see, and a dazzling glitter of light made a crystal rainbow among the beautiful prisms of jewels.

Then, Mr. Miller walked into the room.

"What's this?" he gasped. "A million dollars worth, no less!"

"For you to keep," announced Tommy proudly. "You can't ever trade them in for cash, you know. Remember what you said . . . 'I wish that your mother and I owned a million.' So now you do. But if you try to sell any part of it, you'll be out of luck. They'll turn into worthless stones. It's a million to *own*, and that's all."

"And what did *you* wish for, Tom?" asked his father carefully.

Tom grinned. "I wished for good health and friends and all the marvelous days I enjoy now. After being sick so long, it's the most wonderful feeling in the world to be well and strong again."

"You know something, Tom," said his father, holding the sparkling jewels in his hand regretfully, "Your wish was worth *more* than a million."

Suddenly, Mrs. Miller laughed.

"I was just thinking," she explained, "that probably at this very moment that funny-looking dog is parked at someone's doorstep after rolling in a coal heap and getting himself all dirty again. I wonder who'll take him in *this* time?"

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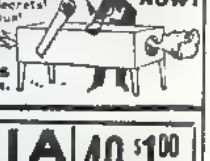

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SO YOU'RE TINA TORRID, THE T.V. STAR, EH? I SURE DIG YOU, BABY!
OH ?
DON'T GIVE ME THE COLD-SHOULDER, KID! I HAPPEN TO BE NICK NASH!
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE! LET GO OF MY ARM!
LISTEN, CHICK! WHEN NICK NASH SAYS-- OWW!!
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TINA, YOU CAN'T FACE THE CAMERAS LIKE THAT!
OH! I FORGOT MY WIG!
IF THE PUBLIC EVER KNEW WHAT YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE--
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BOY! THE WAY NICK NASH KNOCKS TINA TORRID IN HIS STRIP, HE MUST SURE KNOW THE INSIDE STORY ABOUT HER!
RIGHT! I GUESS SHE'S NOT THE GLAMOR GIRL SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE!
I KNOW IT'S ONLY A COMIC STRIP, TINA, BUT PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO MAKE FUN OF YOU, SO WE CAN'T SPONSOR YOUR SHOW ANY LONGER! YOU'RE FIRED!
CRUNCHY Cookies
SORRY, TINA!
NICK NASH! IT'S HIS FAULT! HE DID THIS TO ME!
LADY!! LOOK OUT!
THE NEXT DAY!
JUST MY LUCK! TINA TORRID GETS HIT BY A CAR AND WILL BE IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A MONTH!
NOW I'LL HAVE TO DIG UP A NEW CHARACTER FOR MY STRIP!
WELL, I'LL FIND SOMEONE EASILY ENOUGH! AND WITH THIS POWER I WEILD THRU MY COMIC STRIP, I CAN MAKE OR BREAK HIM! WITH THE POWER IN THIS HAND -- MY DRAWING HAND -- I CAN CRUSH ANYBODY!
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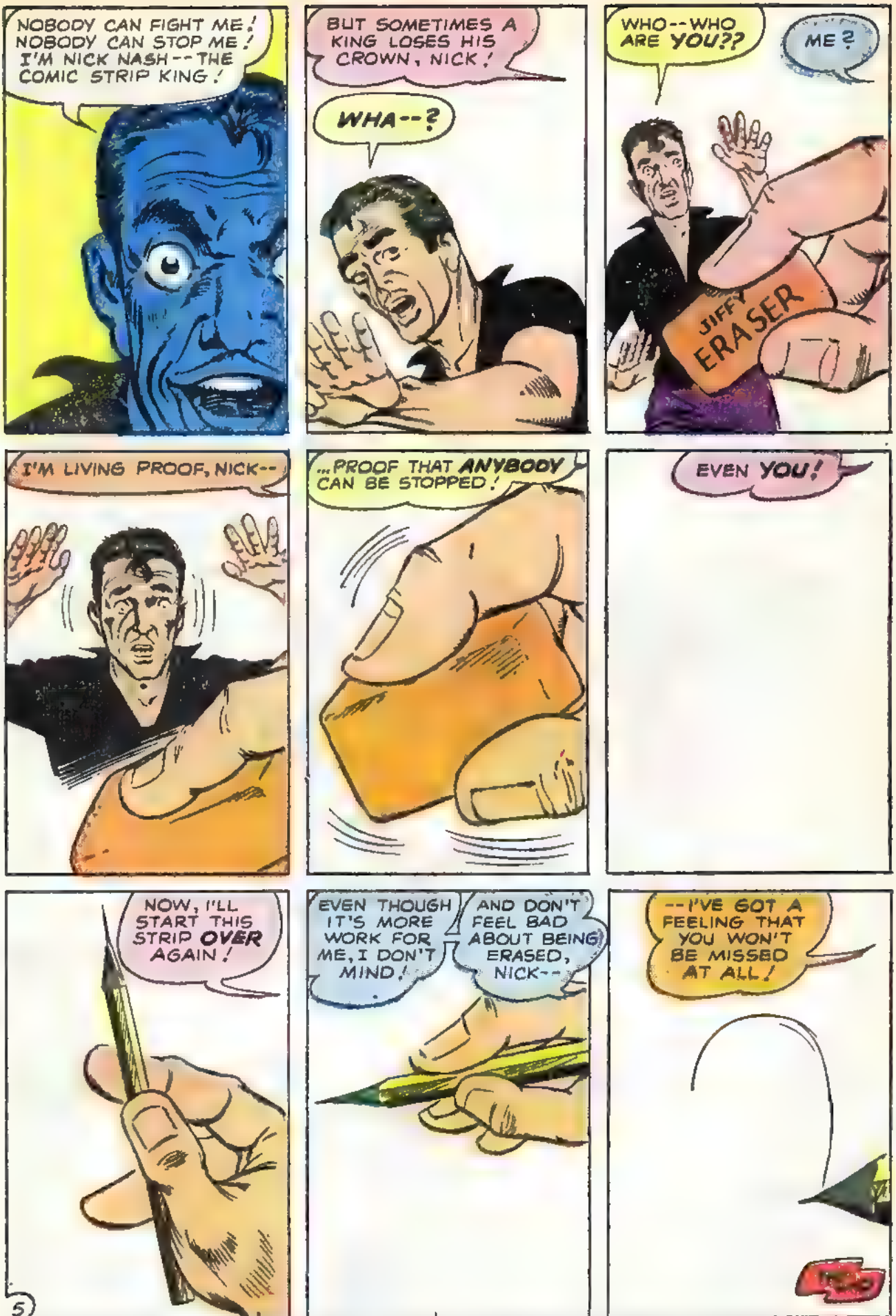
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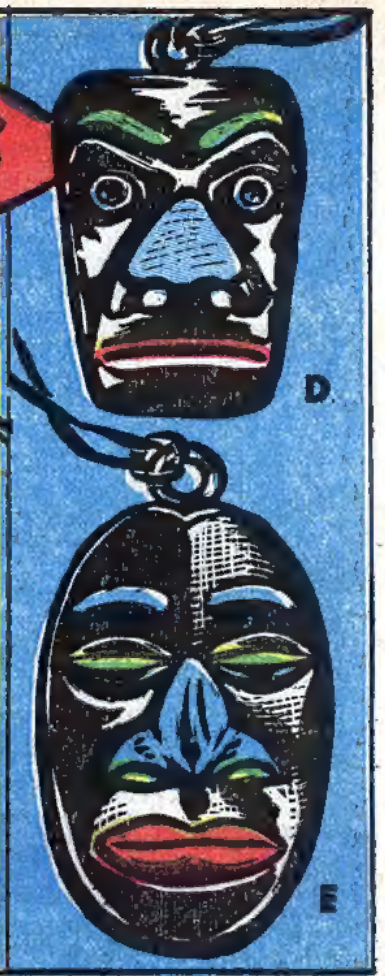

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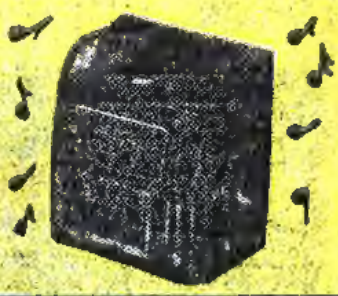

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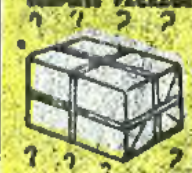

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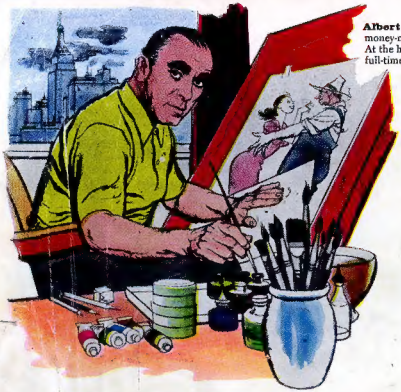

Albert Dorne – probably the greatest money-maker in the history of commercial art. At the height of his career, he began a full-time search for people who like to draw.

He's Looking for People Who Like to Draw

TODAY HUNDREDS of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working happily at easels and drawing boards, making pictures, and getting well paid for it. They can thank Albert Dorne, a famous artist who devotes almost his full time to helping other people become artists.

Some of the people Dorne has helped

Herb Smith was a payroll clerk. Soon after he started studying with us, he landed an art job with a large printing firm. This was four years ago; today he's head artist for the same firm.

John Buskетta is another. He was a pipefitter's helper in a big gas company. Today he still works for the same company, but as an artist in the advertising department, with a big increase in pay.

Harriet Kuzniewski was bored with an "ordinary" job before she heard of Albert Dorne. Today she does high-style fashion illustration in New York.

With the right training, Wanda Pickulski gave up her typing job to become fashion artist for a local department store.

John Whitaker of Memphis was an airline clerk two years ago. Recently he won a national cartooning contest and was signed to do a newspaper comic strip.

Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could only help a few of these people he called together America's most successful artists—men like Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

A Plan to Help Others

He said: "All over America, there are people who like to draw, who could be turned into good artists. Why can't we give these people the training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years? I'm suggesting a new kind of school—a home-study art school that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live."

The famous artists agreed: Taking time from their busy careers, they spent several years creating a remarkable series of art lessons covering every aspect of drawing and painting. They illustrated their lessons with over 5,000 "here's-how" illustrations. The lessons start from scratch and cover every skill a top artist needs. Finally, the famous artists developed a wonderful way to give each student personal correction and advice all through his training.

Albert Dorne is not surprised by the success of his students. "The art field is growing. We keep getting calls from all over the country, asking us for practical, well-trained students who can step into full-time or part-time art jobs."

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To find others with art talent worth developing, the famous artists created a 12-page talent test. Thousands paid $1 for this test, but now the School offers it free and will grade it free. If you show talent on the test, you will be eligible for training by the School. No obligation. Simply mail coupon. It might be your first step to an exciting, well-paid career in art.

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